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can speaks indignantly on this subject and with good cause. He says:

"How often the seal is misrepresented by eastern periodicals! But when it comes to writers of our own great state making misrepresentations, how can we, with good grace defend ourselves against malicious lies? A few days ago we saw in an Iowa paper an article which said, 'Topeka, Kansas, Great suffering in Kansas on account of nothing being raised in western part. The winter is upon them without fuel and but little to keep soul and body together.' It is also stated that a great storm had been raging, and that unless something was done at once there would be great suffering. What an injustice it is for the above to go broadcast all over our land against our state and people. Now if there has been anything like the above in any part of the state, we have been unable to find it out. A more pleasant winter has never been witnessed by the writer. While times are hard and money matters seem to be close, the outlook for the coming crop is a good one. While there seems to have been raised last year a wheat crop comparatively small beside that preceding, yet from last year's wheat crop our mill at Topeka has been grinding night and day a large portion of the time, and is now loading the last car of a contract of five carloads shipped to New York state. The exchange possibly has been ten cars. None of the wheat has been shipped in, but all raised within distance to be hauled by wagon."

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

Seven inch ice is being cut at Atchison.

Rev. Mr. Quirk of Mulvane is in especially demand for funerals.

Michael Stroger, the courier of the Ozark, will "thrill" a Pittsburg audience.

The Lawrence World has decided that it isn't good form to go skating in yellow shoes.

Fort Scott is in the throes of a divorce suit, and there is already a rush for reserved seats.

Jeff Davis was married at Wichita last week, but there wasn't much fuss made over the wedding.

A Sterling man has received an inquiry from Colorado for some "kind old men" that will make good mothers."

Wellington Mills. Farmers are selling home-grown stove wood on the streets. How is this for the treeless desert?

The Junction City Tribune is so careful of its veracity that it writes it "above contests," never omitting the quotation marks.

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A Newly Invented Wheel That Carries Its Own Balls.

An ingenious Californian has invented a new wheel which is as remarkable in its way as a process which would enable a man to lift himself by his own bootstraps. It is a wheel for a traction engine that lays a track for itself to run on and can keep it up indefinitely till it comes to the jumping off place. This wheel is designed for traveling over soft ground, sandy and muddy roads. Each wheel carries with it four or more sec-

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TO MEET IN FEBRUARY.

The Democratic State Central Committee to Assemble February 1.

W. C. Jones, chairman of the Kansas Democratic state central committee, stated to a Washington correspondent that he would call the committee together at Topeka about February 1.

Colonel Jones and Colonel William Pepperell, secretary of the committee, will both return home in time to make all the preliminary arrangements for holding the meeting. The main object in calling the committee together at this time is to decide whether an early or a late state nominating convention will be held.

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Miss Dorothea Klumpp Has Won Distinction as a Mathematician.

Miss Dorothea Klumpp, who has achieved the unique distinction of being the first woman to receive the degree of doctor of mathematics from the great French University of the Sorbonne, is an American girl. She was born in San Francisco about 28 years ago and received her early education in the public schools of that city, where she evinced when very young a special aptitude with figures and a desire to study the stars. Her parents were comfortably well off, and her mother a number of years ago took Miss Klumpp and her sisters to Germany to finish their education.

She lived at the quiet old university town of Goettingen for six years, and Dorothy pursued her studies there with great diligence. Afterward the family removed to Switzerland, and Miss Klumpp entered college at Lausanne, where she remained four years and won distinction in mathematics. Then her mother took her to Paris, where they have lived since, and Dorothy was the first girl student ever admitted to the famous school of the Paris observatory, from which she graduated with honors.

She was an enthusiastic astronomer, and after leaving school wrote some essays which showed such thorough mastery of the science and such originality of treatment as to secure place her upon a secure footing among the prominent scientists of Europe. When she was but 21, Director Muncher gave her charge of the eastern tower of the Paris observatory, a position of importance, which has always been held by scholars of ripe attainments. When the observatory offered a prize of 5,000 francs for the best treatise on the great comet of 1882, some of the most learned astronomers of the world entered into the competition, but the essay written by this California girl took the prize.

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A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN.

GALUCHA A. GROW'S Nomination Revives Wartime Memories.

A picturesque and interesting figure returns to the field of national politics with the nomination of Galusha A. Grow for congressman at large from Pennsylvania to succeed in the Senate of the United States.

The Bank of New York and the Bank of Massachusetts were founded in 1784.

The Bank of Venice had its origin in a forced loan by the government from wealthy citizens.

The Bank of England was projected in 1694 to meet the difficulty experienced by William III in raising funds for the French war.

The word bankrupt comes from two Italian words signifying a broken bench. A broken bench implied a money changer without funds; hence the term.

The Bank of Genoa was ruined in the last century by being twice pillaged by a foreign foe; first by the imperialists in 1748; second by the French army under Massena in 1800.

The British parliament in 1812 passed an act that members of the house of commons becoming bankrupt, and not paying their obligations in full, should vacate their seats.

The National Bank of Austria was founded in 1816 for the purpose of extricating the government from the financial difficulties occasioned by the French war. It is a monopoly.

The "South sea bubble" began with the establishment of an improvement company in 1719 and exploded in 1720. All the directors' estates to the value of £2,000,000 were sold and sold.

The Bank of England is garrisoned every night by a company of soldiers from the regular army, to whom an elegant repast and extra pay are furnished. The service is taken in rotation by the regiments quartered at the capital.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In 1838 he became chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican committee and aided in the election of General Grant as president. In 1871 he was made president of the Houston and Great Northern railroad of Texas and went there to live for the benefit of his health. In 1872 his sympathies were with the Greeley movement, though he took no active part in the canvass. In 1875 he returned to the Republi- can fold and his own state and took in the Hartranft campaign. He worked for Hayes in 1876 in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. In that year he was to have run for congress, but a combination defeated his nomination. In 1878 he was a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, but Hoyt was named, and Grow declined the nomination for lieutenant governor. In 1879 he refused the Russian mission tendered him by President Hayes.

Mr. Grow was born in Connecticut in 1824 and removed to Pennsylvania when but 10 years of age. He graduated from Amherst college in 1844 and subsequently became a lawyer.

He is attached to the wheel by means of links, which are pivoted to pins on the wheel and to the jaws on the shoe plates.

The connection thus made is very flexible and allows the plates to adapt themselves to the ground. The ends of the plates are bevelled so that the bearing of each plate upon the ground shall always be that of the plate immediately behind it. The wheel is provided with a deep groove, which insures that the sections shall follow each other in proper order and provide a suitable track to travel upon.

The Antwerp Exposition.

The Antwerp International exposition, to be held at the commercial capital of Belgium from May 3 to Nov. 12, 1894, is the next great event of note to come off on the other side of the Atlantic. Preparations for this event are far advanced and on a scale greater than any previous foreign world's fair. The buildings are completed and ready for the reception of exhibits. A special invitation from the king of the Belgians has been presented to President Cleveland and Secretary of State Griswold, urging the United States to recognize the exposition officially and to make a governmental exhibit. The subject has been referred to the committee on foreign affairs, who now have it under consideration.

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A Story That a Corporation Wants His Services.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A special from Washington to a morning paper says:

"Secretary John G. Carlisle has until the first of next month to decide whether he will continue to earn \$8,000 a year as secretary of the treasury or make \$25,000 a year as president and legal adviser of a big financial institution which is now being organized by some of the leading capitalists of Ohio and the adjoining states.

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